SRI K. VINAYAKAM : On a point of personal explanation, arising out of the answer given by the Hon. the Leader of the House, I presume that the deputation to be headed by me will be sponsored by the Government of Madras. Is that correct or am I to go by myself? (Laughter.)

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think he should be bound by the restrictions of the Government. He should be a free man to go. (Laughter.)

District Munsifs

* 62 Q.—SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of persons selected for appointment as District Munsifs in the recent selection; and

(*b*) the number of persons selected from—

(i) the Bar,

(ii) the Scheduled Castes, and

(iii) Backward Communities?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Thirty-two candidates were selected by the Madras Public Service Commission for appointment as District Munsifs in 1957.

(*b*) (i) 18.

(ii) Nil.

(iii) 11.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Is it a fact that even though there were few reserved vacancies for Harijans, no Harijan was appointed in spite of the fact that there were applications from qualified Harijan candidates?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It may be so. The selection was made by the Public Service Commission and it would depend on the availability of qualified candidates.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Even though qualified candidates from the Harijan community applied for the reserved vacancies, none of them were selected?

MR. SPEAKER : The Hon. Minister gave the reply that selection was made by the Public Service Commission.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Selection for the post of District Munsifs was made by the Public Service Commission. That is all I can say.